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Dear Sir or Madam

In response to the recent Office Action requiring restriction of the invention, I do hereby choose to have examined the invention as defined in claim 1. Claims 15 and 16 are abandoned.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.115, I enclose some preliminary amendments. The proposed amendments remove some claims including the abandoned claims, reword two other claims, replace the Abstract and add a drawing from U.S. patent 4,632,399.

It is difficult for me to interpret 37 CFR 1.83 (b) in connection with the Puzzle Game invention. Nevertheless in the spirit of full disclosure, the addition of a drawing from the old patent may be wise.

The amendments proposed are numbered as Preliminary Amendment (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8). Numbers (1), (2) and (3) were associated with previous amendments.

Thank you for any service you may give.

Yours faithfully

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Preliminary Amendment (4)

Amend the drawings as shown in the accompanying sheets (4 sheets of drawing accompany this amendment). Add the following paragraph to the end of the section entitled BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING:

Fig. 10 is a view of the prior art apparatus. The core in this apparatus readily falls apart when it is withdrawn.

Preliminary Amendment (5)

Replace the paragraph in the section entitled ABSTRACT with the following paragraph:

A puzzle game is disclosed in which a mechanical puzzle is contrived from a set of components, the game including a deconstruction of the puzzle's form. The components make a puzzle in accordance with U.S. patent 4,632,399, dated December 1986. The new apparatus incorporates novel features which enhance the game and give the puzzle a unique mode of operation wherein a handle and a housing are alternately rotated about and